

REMARKS

Status of Claims

Claims 1-6 and 9, 11-17 are pending for the Examiner's consideration.

Claim 1 has been amended.

Claims 7-8 and 10 have been canceled.

Claims 12-17 have been withdrawn.

Claims 1-6 and 9-17 are pending for the Examiner's consideration.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that Claim 11 is allowed.

Amendments of Claims

Claim 1 has been amended to delete the phrase "preferably" and exclude the compound shown at page 3 of U.S. 2005004125.

In order to expedite prosecution of the present application, Applicants has canceled Claim 10. Cancellation of Claim 10 does not constitute any admission regarding this subject matter. Applicants reserve a right to pursue this subject matter in this or other application(s).

No new matter was added by way of these amendments. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter these amendments.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, in light of the foregoing amendments and following remarks. For the reasons that follow, Applicants believe all Claims are now in condition for allowance.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 first Paragraph:

Claims 1-6, 9 and 10 were rejected under 35 USC § 112 first paragraph for the reasons set forth on pages 2-3 of the Office Action. By the present amendments, Applicants believe the rejection has been overcome, and respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 first Paragraph:

Claim 1-3 and 9 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) over U.S 2005004125 for the reasons set forth on page 3 of the Office Action. By the present amendments, Applicants believe the rejection has been overcome, and respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Applicants believe all claims are now in condition for allowance. Should there be any issues that have not been addressed to the Examiner's satisfaction, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney.

Applicants do not believe any fees are due in connection with this response. If any fees are due in connection with this response, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 161445.

Respectfully submitted,

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